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on
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Amongst the spring novelties on
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like a bunch of flowers, and the
double border of leaves strength-
ens the impression. The "cover"
consists of numbers of small, close-
ly-grouped flowers. Parma violets
are very popular, and so is cycla-
men. These flower parasols make,
I am told (says an *Evening Standard*
writer), an ideal finish for a spring
frocks, and I see no reason why real
flower sunshades should not replace
bridesmaids' bouquets over here.

Notable Years.

In his "Retrospect of an Artist's
Life" J. K. Hunter gives an
interesting list of memorable years,
from which country-folk dated
events. Thus he tells us that "the
year of the 'Big Snow' stood for
the year 1795." The year of the
Death, when the meal was 5s. a
peck, was as well known as 1800
had been named. The year
Hain was as well known in the
West Country as 1811. "I mind the
time well. It was a late harvest
ere the corn was ready for shearing,
and after the most of the crop was
cut it rained incessantly through
each week, except the Sabbath,
for the long period of eight weeks."
The spring of 1814 was known as
the Long Frost. We had thirteen
weeks' severe frost, snow, and
storm. Pathways were cut for
carriers and traffic between Glas-
gow and Portpatrick and every
other town in Scotland." It only
remains to add that 1826 was "the
year of the Short Corn."

Profitable Poultry.

Hens of Manitoba last year con-
tributed more to the wealth of
Canada than the Canadian Govern-
ment originally paid for the three
prairie provinces. Sir Joseph
Flavelle, former chairman of the
Grand Trunk Railway Board,
made this statement in an ad-
dress and backed it with official
figures, relates the *New York
Herald*. "When in 1869," said
Sir Joseph, "the Government of
Canada agreed to the Hudson Bay
Company 300,000 pounds sterling for
the pioneer fur company's
rights in the lands now embraced
in the provinces of Manitoba, Sas-
katchewan, and Alberta, Parlia-
ment was disturbed because the
price was thought to be excessive.
A recent report issued by the De-
partment of Agriculture of Mani-
toba shows that the products of the
hens of the province last year were
marketed for a sum exceeding
2,000,000 dollars. Thus in one year
the hens of one province brought
the farmers one-third more money
than the purchase of the land in the
same time in the Dominion."

A Costly Comma.

It is said that a comma once cost
the Government of the United
States two million dollars, the
New York Herald relates. The
tariff bill, in which the mistake
occurred, provided that "foreign
fruit plants, &c." should be
admitted free of duty, the idea
being to encourage the culture of
high-grade varieties of fruit trees
and grape vines in this country.
When the bill was printed, "foreign
fruit plants, &c." read "foreign
fruit, plants, &c." and as a result
oranges, grapes, lemons, bananas,
&c., came into the United States
free of duty for a year. The error
cost the Government just two
million dollars in revenue.

Woman on Horseback.

According to the Fashion papers,
the side-saddle is increasing in
disfavour (reports the *Daily
Chronicle*). In Victoria's reign,
Mrs. Grundy would have been
shocked at the news, but in these
days of "Safety First" she perhaps
receives it with resignation. She
may, at any rate, remember that
her remoter forbears on the distaff
side did not all use the side-saddle,
for when George III was King,
Strutt, the antiquary, clearly proved
that in pre-Tudor days many wo-
men rode in men's fashion. But
when Catherine de Medici intro-
duced and used the side-saddle
with the high crutch, her example
was speedily followed both on the
Continent and here. But long
before then it was the custom for
women here to ride in either style,
for in the Mabington we are told
that a damsel, whom Geraint
succoured used a woman's saddle
and wore a riding-dress.

A Coreless Apple.

Apples without cores or seeds
are promised by a discovery an-
nounced at Abbotsford, Canada,
the particulars of which have just
been received by the Department
of Commerce from Consul-General
Halstead, reports the *New York
Herald*. According to the an-
nouncement, a seedless and core-
less variety of Fameuse apple has
been developed, which differs but
slightly in shape from an ordinary
Fameuse, by being longer and
flatter at the ends, but with the
typical colouring and flavour. Ex-
cept for a slight marking on the
flesh, which outlines the situation
of the core in an ordinary apple,
there are neither core nor seeds.
The apples developed in an ex-
periment at Abbotsford, and the dis-
covery that they were out of the
ordinary was an accident. They
had come from a new block of
Fameuse, about eight years old,
bearing for the first time in market
quantities. The discovery was
made while grading for market
but unfortunately no record was
kept of the tree at trees producing
the new fruit, and it will not be
before another harvest that dis-
covery can be taken for its commercial
development.

A New Element?

Professor Neils Bohr, the Danish
scientist and a Nobel Prize winner
reported the *Central News* from
Copenhagen on Monday, an-
nounces the discovery of a new
element, No. 71, which he has
called Danium. Professor Bohr has
been engaged in incessant experi-
ments during the last three months,
assisted by the Hungarian Pro-
fessor Hevesy, and the Dutch
Professor Dr. Coster, both attached
to the University of Copenhagen.
The discovery of this new element
proves, according to Professor
Bohr, that he is absolutely correct
in several famous theories which
he has advanced in the world of
chemistry. Danium is a kind of
metal not found pure but in coal.

Crystal Analysis.

If a diamond in a ring could be
increased to the size of the earth,
the individual carbon atoms in it
would be only about as large as a
tennis ball. This was one of the
illustrations used to express the
minuteness of atoms in the Truman
Wood lecture prepared by Sir
William Bragg for a meeting of
the Society of Arts in London.
Sir William was prevented
by illness from attending, and
his lecture on "New Methods of
Crystal Analysis and their Bearing
upon Pure and Applied Science,"
was delivered by Mr. Shearer, who
is associated with him in his re-
search work. It was pointed out
that the combination of X-rays and
the crystal had opened up a new
field of research into the properties
of atoms. Every crystal was in a
way a long avenue down which we
could look and see at the far end
of it the most primitive groupings
of the atoms.

Dark of Fair?

Since the stage production of
"If Winter Comes" I have heard
much talk of which feminine
character was supposed to be dark
and which fair, says a writer in the
London Evening News. The author
is not altogether helpful on this
point. My own conception of Lady
Fygar was that she was a very vital
person, dark-haired and blue-eyed;
but from the conversations I over-
heard at the St. James's Theatre I
gathered that the popular concep-
tion was that she should be fair,
probably because the average
reader regard her as the real
heroine of the story. Miss Barbara
Hoffe is dark-haired and blue-eyed.
On the other hand, popular fancy
makes Mrs. Sabre dark, and Miss
Grace Lane is fair. Edie is fair in
people's minds and she is fair at
the St. James's Theatre. In the
touring company both Lady Fygar
and Mrs. Sabre are dark, and Miss
Primrose Morgan, who plays Edie,
has had her hair altered from dark
to fair. Miss Muriel Martin Harvey
will play Edie in the company
that is bound for Australia, and
Mr. Garry Martin will play Mark
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The China Mail.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1923.

IMPORTANT EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

Our entire education system facing revision, after that recent public meeting, Hongkong will read with interest the deliberations of the ninth annual conference of the Kwangtung Educational Association, held in Canton during four days last week. The Colony's interest in this conference will be the greater because several Hongkong teachers took a prominent part in the proceedings. Professor Simpson, University of Hongkong, presided over the Sectional Conference on the teaching of English to Chinese, and the leading speakers were from Hongkong. Miss Atkins, of St. Stephen's Girls' College, spoke on "The Value and Place of Grammar and Paraphrasing." Mr. Bird, Headmaster of Ellis Kadoorie Boys' School, spoke on "The Teaching of Elementary English with Special Reference to the Use of Dialogues," and Professor Forster, University of Hongkong, on "Some Practical Suggestions for the Teaching of English to Chinese." The speakers succeeded in stimulating to lively discussion a meeting of about two hundred teachers and educational students. Discussion was particularly lively with reference to the teaching of Grammar. Several motions were put to the meeting with a view to getting a definite expression of opinion on this point, and the most popular motion was to the effect that instruction in English Grammar, although essential, ought not to be undertaken in the case of Chinese students until after the completion of three years' English study. This would mean, for most Chinese, at about the age of fourteen. Mr. Bird's exposition of the use of his dialogues attracted so much attention that the audience expressed a hope that the dialogues from which he quoted, might be made widely available by publica-

tion for the use of teachers in elementary schools. It was ably demonstrated how practice in conversation is essential, not only for the learning of English, but also for the production of that proverbial "readiness" indicated in Bacon's famous essay, "The basis, flower and pinnacle of English in Conversation" was accepted as an axiom by the meeting, and the feeling was unanimous that colloquial English must be made the foundation of all instruction. Delight, as well as instruction for pupils, and even for teachers, was what everybody felt must result from Mr. Bird's method. Formal grammar was justified on the principle that by rules errors can be anticipated and corrected by the hundred, whereas, by the purely direct method only one error can be corrected at a time. Miss Atkins presented some striking examples of the disasters that fall upon those, who without having had any instruction in formal grammar, try, as all students sooner or later must try, to learn words from a dictionary.

The meeting was in pretty close accord with Professor Forster's contention that all teachers of Elementary English should have a knowledge of Phonetics upon which to base their work. The opinion was expressed that a grave mistake is made in many schools by entrusting the teaching of elementary English too much to the weaker and less experienced members of the staff. Good instruction at that stage would prevent half the difficulty that is experienced at the later stages.

These are a few of the many points which the speakers submitted for the eager discussion of the conference. Men and women, Eastern teachers and Western, all took an active part in the debate and, all had something to learn from each other. Such conferences can be made to play an important part in this part of the world, because they are the only means of intercommunication between institutions doing similar work at very great distances from one another.

SPECIAL CABLE.

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[China Mail Special.]

Singapore, March 26.

Postal arrangements have been made for the Blue Funnel's new passenger service to convey a regular mail service to the Far East.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire advertise particulars of a steam launch for sale by private treaty.

The second annual meeting of the British Legion is being held at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow in the City Hall.

The St. Stephen's College annual sports will be held on Thursday, the 29th inst. Lady Stubbs will present the prizes at 5.30 p.m.

A scheme for a competitive submission of plans for a new, more satisfactory type of public rubbish has been approved by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

According to advertisement, the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed on Good Friday and the Saturday following.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 10, amounted to 68,507 tons and the Sales during the period to 82,491 tons.

By smashing a back-door panel some person entered the Yoyoy Toilet Co. opposite the China Mail office on Saturday night and stole razors and toilet requisites to the value of \$92.

A Chinese woman living at 175, Lai-chikok Road was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday. She is believed to have taken arsenic after quarrelling with her husband and his concubine.

The next Hongkong University Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations will be held in the week commencing Monday, June 11. Entry forms should reach the Registrar not later than April 1.

The China Sugar Refining Company and the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. both held their annual meetings at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd. to-morrow, the first at 11.30 and the second at noon.

During the forty-eight hours ended yesterday the following communicable diseases were reported:—Small-pox, two Chinese; diphtheria, one Chinese; enteric fever, two Chinese and one British.

The announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Su of the engagement of their son Mr. Geo. C. Y. Su, general English secretary of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., Shanghai, to Miss Lucy Lu, the grand-daughter of the late Sir Lu Choh-feng.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. is running a special excursion to Macao during the Easter holidays. The s.s. "Sun. An." leaves Hongkong on Easter Sunday at 9 a.m. and returns from Macao on Monday at 3 p.m.

Three earth coolies employed by Sang Yuen, contractors, working on the cutting at Coronation Road, near the new police station at Mongkok, were killed yesterday through a big boulder rolling down the embankment. Their bodies were removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

When asleep at about 4 a.m. yesterday at No. 45, Nathan Road, a married Chinese woman was awakened by the sound of footsteps. She saw two men, one of whom had a revolver. In spite of the danger she raised an alarm and the men escaped by the verandah without taking anything.

Mr. M. Kane, now assistant manager of the Astor House, Shanghai, arrived from San Francisco on the "Shinyo Maru." Mr. Kane, who comes from the Hotel Marx, was formerly with the Palace Hotel in San Francisco and was a member of the executive staff at the St. Francis Hotel for seven years.

Major G. L. Oliver, Middlesex Regiment, has been transferred to the King's Regiment. This officer, who was latterly serving with one of the disbanded battalions of the "Diablos," took part in the Great War, winning the 1914 star, the British War Medal and the British Victory Medal. He served in St. Helena during the South African War.

TANNING FACTORY.

LOCAL COMPANY'S TROUBLES.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

Owing to pressure on space and limited time on Saturday it was not possible to give a full report of the extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd. which took place at the company's office on Saturday morning, when the report and suggestions of the investigating committee were discussed.

Mr. W. M. Humphreys occupied the chair at the commencement of the meeting and there were also present: Father Robert, Messrs. A. G. Coppin, D. H. Blake, W. A. Dowley, Leung Yan Po (Directors), Messrs. F. S. Cooke, A. Stevenson, W. W. MacFarlane, L. Dunbar, J. MacLachlan, E. Pepperill, H. Humphreys, J. H. Seth, R. F. Raven, A. D. Humphreys, A. G. S. Morton, V. Sorby, and W. Armstrong.

THE REPORT.

In their report the committee stated:

"Gentlemen,—You will remember that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders in this Company held at Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Company's Offices on 29th November, 1922, it was resolved that an Investigating Committee be formed to look into the position of the Company's affairs and to make a report and recommendations to Shareholders. This condition being brought about by the fact that the Company in its first year of working had made a loss of about \$24,000.

The following were then elected to form an Investigating Committee:—Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede, Rev. Father Robert, Mr. A. G. Coppin, Mr. Leung Yan Po and Mr. Phang Ho.

Amongst the questions the Members of the Investigating Committee had to put to themselves were the following:—

1.—Is it possible to profitably conduct a Tannery business in Hongkong?

2.—Are Tanneries being successfully worked in other places under conditions which apply to Hongkong in respect of climate, labour and other difficulties?

3.—As investigations show it is possible to profitably work Tannery business here; and that in contiguous places such industries are being conducted with considerable profit, how is it the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., is working at such a large loss, and what steps can be taken to remedy the Company's position?

In the course of their investigations the Committee had much assistance from a firm of Tanners in Canton, which is working at a good profit, and which at the Investigating Committee's request drew up a Questionnaire dealing with the whole matter. Some of the salient points brought out, based on replies made by the Company's present Management to the Questionnaire, compel the Investigating Committee to form the following conclusions and offer the resulting recommendations.

CONCLUSIONS.

(a) Administration, Tannery and Trading Expenses have been between \$50,000 and \$51,000 per annum. These can be cut down to \$25,000 without loss of production or efficiency.

(b) Reply to No. 20 in the Questionnaire shows the Factory to be capable of producing 922,167 lb. of Upper and Sole Leather per annum of 52 weeks, whereas the Trading Account shows output valued at \$133,271.21 in 40 weeks, working of the first year of your Company. Even on 40 weeks working the output should have been over \$709,000 instead of \$133,271.

(c) The Investigating Committee is of the opinion that the cause of the trouble lies in the fact that working has been intermittent and at no period in full swing, and that administration expenses have not been warranted by output. The Committee considers the remedy lies in economy in administration and better Factory and sales management.

(d) The Committee is of opinion that on an assumed output of 3500 pieces of Upper Leather per fortnight (a modest computation) the Factory can make a net profit per annum of \$76,000; also that 3,000 Hides may be converted into Sole Leather per month at a cost which should show an additional profit of over \$80,000 per annum. These quantities are taken from replies to the Questionnaire.

(e) The Canton Firm of Tanners having visited and thoroughly inspected your Tannery have expressed surprise that with such a good equipment a loss has been made.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

At the Investigating Committee's suggestion the Canton Firm of Tanners express willingness to undertake the Management of your Company, contingent upon sufficient working capital being raised and providing they can be stakeholders in the concern to the extent of 10,000 shares, which they will take up. They require Managing Fees of \$1,000 per month to cover cost of staff, office rent and lighting whilst sales

amount to \$500,000 per annum. This is to be increased proportionately to that, for example, it would double the present allowance if the sales reach \$1,000,000. As it will be apparent that the Management and Tanning staff will be encouraged to work harder if they know a bonus on net profits will be paid to them, the Directors suggest that the amount of such be left to the discretion of the Directors, it being understood that any bonus is only to be paid out of net annual profits and not to exceed 15%. They would not be content to take on the Management for \$1,000 per month only, but stipulate that they must be allowed to purchase 10,000 shares also, with an option to purchase within 12 months, about 5,000/6,000 shares in addition. Their appointment as Managers to be permanent so long as they hold 10,000 shares and manage the business profitably and faithfully. They to be allowed to nominate one Member to the Board of Directors. The Investigating Committee recommends acceptance of this offer, but at this juncture wish to put the following points before you:—

1. The Company is indebted to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to the extent of about \$180,000 secured by Mortgage on your Property, viz.: Land, Buildings and Stock. This indebtedness the Bank will insist upon being reduced to \$100,000.

2. On the net profit of \$76,000 on Upper Leather would fall to be deducted 7% interest per annum, say \$7,000, and bonus of 15% on balance of net profit to Managers and Tanners \$10,350, a total of \$17,350, leaving available \$58,650 to pay off indebtedness to the Bank and provide a dividend if deemed immediately advisable.

3. It will be noticed that the Investigating Committee take figures of profits on Upper Leather only. There is still the profit of say \$80,000 on Sole Leather to be considered, but the Investigating Committee is content to momentarily omit this in order to present a very conservative estimate of your Company's possibilities. It will be seen that \$58,650 per annum available for paying off indebtedness and/or dividends, can be earned on one side of your business only.

4. There then remains the matter of raising Additional Working Capital, in which connection careful attention should be given to the following remarks, viz.:—

The Company's present Share position is:—

Shares paid for in full at \$10 each.....	\$48,202
Shares subscribed for on which \$5 only has been paid.....	141
Shares unsold.....	51,657
Total	\$100,000

The Investigating Committee suggest that the 51,657 unsold Shares be offered as follows:—

To the existing Shareholders three shares for every four shares at present held at \$4 per share.

(Example: Every holder of 100 shares for which he has paid \$10 each (equal to buy 75 shares at \$4 each equal \$300 in all). This he would have 175 shares costing is all \$1,300 an average of say \$7.45 per share.)

On this basis additional capital would be raised as follows:—

48,202 at 3 for each 4 held—	\$36,150
at \$4—	\$144,600
To the New Managers 10,000 at \$4—	\$40,000
Total	\$184,600

The New Managers (option one year) 4,646 Plus provided 141 on which \$5 only has been paid 141

4,787 at \$4 per share

(The \$4 shares to rank pari passu as regards dividends, etc., with those paid for at \$10).

Particulars respecting making both issues of same value to form the subject of further discussion with shareholders.

If some of the present Shareholders (after a prescribed period) do not signify their intention of taking up their additional proportion of Shares as indicated above, such Shares shall be offered elsewhere, so that sufficient working Capital may be raised for the continuance of the business as a going concern, and to pay off part of the Company's indebtedness to the Bank.

5. The alternative appears to your Investigating Committee to be to wind up the Company, in which event it is estimated the amount available for distribution after liquidation of all outstanding liabilities, will not exceed \$2 per share. Shareholders therefore have to decide whether they will take up 3 more shares at \$4 each for every 4 shares for which they have paid \$10 each, or let the Company go into liquidation, with a possibility of ultimately getting say \$2 for every \$10 so far invested.

6. The Investigating Committee's recommendation to Shareholders is that each Shareholder should take up his additional allotment, as under the suggested altered Management your Company's success would appear to be assured.

7. In the meantime Mr. W. M. Humphreys, Managing Director, has placed his resignation as Manager of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Company, Limited, in the hands of the Investigating Committee.

All Correspondence is too lengthy to be put into this Report in full detail, but such is of course available to any Shareholder requiring further particulars on application to:—

Mr. A. G. Coppin, 4a, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

Naturally also the Company's solicitors will be consulted and directed to take such steps as are necessary for rehabilitating the Company in a manner conforming to the requirement of the law of the Colony.

In conclusion it may be mentioned that several prominent and influential gentlemen are satisfied as to the good possibilities of your Company, and have expressed willingness to back their opinion by taking up much more than their proportion of the \$4 shares.

TROUBLE WITH TANNERS.

Mr. A. G. Coppin, in taking the chair, said he would like to give them some explanation as to the non-success of the company last year, more especially to clear or extenuate Mr. W. M. Humphreys. He reminded them that last year business has been bad not only in the Colony but throughout the world. They suffered from a prolonged strike which certainly did not help them in their business. In addition to that they had considerable trouble with the tannery staff which culminated in the dismissal of one lot of tanners in March and their successors in August. The staff's work had been bad and worthless and as a result there was considerable loss of raw material. That morning, he continued, Mr. William Humphreys had pointed out to him the difference between input and output. It was plain that they could not place a hide into pickle and bring it out the next day as a finished product. It had to "stew in its own juice" so to speak, and in the case of upper leather it had to stop for about twenty-five days. Sole leather had to be left for three months. Thus, at the end of twenty-five days they were producing the full output in upper leather, and in three months they would be producing the full output of sole leather.

With regard to the possibilities of a tannery business in this Colony he would mention that at the present time Messrs. Yue Yue Hong were erecting a tannery alongside their own premises, so that they at least, had great faith in the industry. Many industries had suffered loss on their inception, and it was only after they had gained experience from mistakes made at the beginning that companies achieved success.

Father Robert, also a member of the Committee, told the meeting that had the Investigating Committee thought the maintenance of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Company, Limited, could not give remunerative results, they would not have hesitated to recommend the shareholders to wind up the company up. The unsuccessful working of the past year was not at all a practical demonstration of the impossibility of running a leather factory with good results. They had, of course, to admit their non-success, so far, but they had given their opinions as to its causes, and hoped they had shown the trade basis on which the enterprise could pay in the future. At least they had bought a useful experience, though at a very dear price, and they had been taught what to avoid. Many faults had their remedy, and the Committee believed that if the shareholders would agree to the changes proposed, they would thrive in the Colony. The industry was a paying one in Hankow, Shanghai, and in Indo-China. He knew of one firm in the latter place that had paid as much as a 200 per cent. dividend during the War. He was glad to say that the new Managers, who were willing to take over the management of the Company's affairs, were as optimistic regarding the welfare of the Company as the Committee.

Mr. Coppin then remarked that the investigating committee had been very conservative in the running of the Company. He himself has been employed in going into various figures and had been particularly careful as to raw material and expenses. He had entirely ignored any profit on sole leather.

Mr. Coppin then asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Dunbar: When will the Chinese pay for these 10,000 shares which they are going to take up?

Mr. Coppin: Their first proposition was that they should be allowed to take them up within the year. We think that is rather too long, and we hope the time will be reduced to three months.

Mr. H. Humphreys: What value do you put on our property supporting you, and by what means stands?

Mr. Coppin: There are about 110,000 square feet, the value of which is estimated at \$270 per foot, with the buildings. Whether it would realise that, as a forced

sale it is difficult to say, but if anyone wanted to buy it as a going concern probably they would be willing to pay that sum. The total value of the land and buildings works out at \$297,000, reckoning it at \$2.70 per square foot. If the Banks forced on that, they might get \$2 per share, or perhaps \$1.75.

Mr. Cooke: The only assets of the Company consist of the land and buildings?

Mr. Coppin: There is the machinery, which stands in the accounts at \$127,000, but it is extremely unlikely that it would realise that figure unless it were being sold for similar purposes. The stock is valued at \$20,000, but whether that amount would be realised if it were sold is again doubtful.

Mr. Seth: Is it proposed to cancel the unsold \$10 shares and issue new shares at \$4 each?

Mr. Coppin replied that although the scheme had not been formulated as to the method of receiving new capital the old shares would be sub-divided.

Mr. Humphreys: I don't think you have given a proper reply to that question.

Mr. Blake (solicitor) replied. He said that under the articles of association, power was given to subdivide the shares, and this was also provided for by the Company's articles. Therefore some scheme would be adopted whereby new shares of \$4 each would be issued, leaving the present shares alone. The new shares would presumably have new rights so as to bring them in for dividends. However, that scheme had not yet been worked out.

Mr. Humphreys asked whether the \$4 shares were to take the place of the unsold shares at \$10 each.

Mr. Blake replied that the \$10 shares would be cancelled and the \$4 shares would take their place.

Mr. Seth: I take it that the directors will see they get suitable guarantees from the new Managers before they hand over the Company to them?

The Chairman: Most certainly that will be done.

Mr. Raven: How do you propose to reduce the expense from \$50,000 to \$25,000 per annum?

Mr. Coppin: Under the former management the expenses of the General Manager, say \$1,000 per month, secretary \$600 per month and \$400 for office, use. The administration and general expenses in the accounts were \$35,638.44, and trading expenses were \$15,096.66. It is suggested that the new Managers take \$1,000, and they are agreeable to this, to cover everything. The general and trading expenses are included in the working costs and other administration expenses.

Mr. Pepperill: Father Robert was good enough to give us information about a similar firm in Indo-China during the War. Does he know how the firm is progressing now, and whether it is under European or Chinese management?

Father Robert: The Company was formed twelve years ago and it has always been under French management. It is still doing very well, and is in a flourishing condition. It is one of the most prosperous firms in Indo-China to-day. They get all their skins from Yunnan and Indo-China, and although this sort of thing is not much in my line of business, I understand there are equal opportunities in the Colony of Hongkong.

Mr. Coppin then proposed the following resolution:—

That the Directors of the Investigating Committee be authorised to negotiate with the Canton firm of tanners and prepare a scheme for the provision of new capital for the Company.

Mr. Coppin mentioned that any shareholder could propose an amendment if he wished, and could propose the winding-up of the Company altogether.

Mr. Cooke: Will the management of the Company be entirely in Canton, or in Hongkong?

Mr. Coppin replied that the management would be in Hongkong, and there would be a preponderant majority of Europeans on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Dunbar then seconded the resolution which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the Investigating Committee was passed on the motion of Mr. Seth.

After 35 years' service in the Chinese Maritime Customs, Captain H. G. Myrnes, Harbourmaster at Shanghai, has resigned. Captain Myrnes, who is a Norwegian, entered the service in 1888 as third officer, and in 1899 as revenue cruiser, becoming commander in 1901. Since then, his promotion has been continuous, until in 1917 he succeeded Captain Carlson as Harbourmaster.

It is stated that the Chamberlain of the Palace at Peking has been ordered to send a large number of his personal belongings to the British Museum, including a large quantity of ancient Chinese bronzes, jade, and other objects of art. The collection is estimated to be worth over £100,000.

CANTON NEWS.

WHAMPOA HARBOUR SCHEME.

WILL SUN BE OUSTED?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 25.

Some of the vernacular papers state that the Hongkong Government is interested in a report that Sun Yat-sen intends starting on his project to construct a deep-sea port at Whampoa, as soon as funds will permit. It is also stated that an official has been sent to Canton to interview Sun on the subject.

Opinions are divided in Canton as to whether Shum Hung-ying will attempt to oust Sun in the near future. The anti-Sun press makes capital of the reported discussions between Shum and the Yunnan leaders and to the movements of the Kiangsi troops said to be marching against Sun in compliance with orders from the North. On the other hand, the pro-Sun press claims that the Yunnan troops are loyal to Sun and point to Chan Tek-tsun's rout in Kiangsu as an example of Sun's power.

SUGAR BOOM.

PRICES STILL RISING.

During the week-end sugar prices advanced again, there being a strong demand for Java Whites. However, activity is not confined to this grade and Chinese importers seem to be endeavouring to bring all the sugar they can into the Colony.

By the coasting steamers "Amherst" and "Reims" there arrived large quantities of what is known as Chinese brown sugar which polarizes lower than Java or Philippine brown sugar.

With the political situation in the interior remaining unsettled, clearance of goods are much below normal and the public godowns are still badly congested. Nam Pak Hong merchants are finding it increasingly difficult to secure godown space for storage and some of them have been reduced to placing their goods in the smaller Chinese godowns at enhanced storage rates.

This afternoon's Nam Pak Hong quotations for sugar, per picul, were:

No. 24 Rough White	\$18.24
No. 24 Fine White	17.70
No. 18 Rough Brown	16.03
Java Brown	12.12

EVANGELISATION.

NEW TERRITORY WORK.

The annual report on the work of this Society for the year 1922 has the following preparatory note:—

This Society which is controlled jointly by the Union Church and To Tsai Church, was started in the year 1904 to work in the New Territories.

The New Territories is the country which lies between the base of the Kowloon Peninsula and a line drawn from Mira Bay to Deep Bay. It comprises an area of 376 square miles, of which 90 square miles is on the adjacent islands and 286 on the mainland. There are a number of market towns and about six hundred villages, the population being estimated at about 100,000.

Under an agreement with China in 1899, this area was leased to Great Britain for 99 years. The responsibility for the moral and religious welfare of these people devolves upon the Christian community of Hongkong.

As the result of the Society's work there are now more or less organised churches at Tsun Wan, Cagle Peak, Yun Long, Tai Po, Lam Tsun, Cheung Chow, Tai O and Sha-lo-wan, where regular services are held, and there is a baptised membership of approximately 600. Work is also being carried on less regularly at San Tin, Sha Tin, Sheung Shui and Lo-wu.

Schools under the Society's control or in buildings occupied by it are established at Tsun Wan, Tai Po, Lam Tsun, Cheung Chow, Tai O, Sha-lo-wan and Yun Long. These are attended, by approximately 250 scholars. Thus the coming generation is being looked after with a view to future potentialities.

The lines of work are:—

(1) Pioneer Evangelistic work; (2) The establishment and maintenance of churches until they become self-supporting; (3) Assisting to establish schools where religious instruction is given and scholars are taught to sing Christian hymns, and learn some Christian truth which they carry to their homes; (4) The sale or distribution of Bibles, Testaments and portions at nominal prices; (5) Lending religious and other books to school-masters and other influential men; (6) Holding lantern services from time to time in the country. These are always largely attended.

The staff approved at present consists of one Superintending Missionary, one Chinese Superintending Evangelist, four Evangelists, four Biblewomen, one travelling evangelist.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THIS PROSPECTUS HAS BEEN DULY FILED WITH THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES.

The Subscription List will open on SATURDAY, the 24th day of March 1923 and close on or before SATURDAY, the 31st day of March 1923.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance 1911-1921.

Capital \$2,000,000 divided into 200,000 shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 100,000 have already been subscribed for cash by the Directors and their friends. On these \$2.50 per share will be paid on application and the balance when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

In addition the Directors are allotting 30,000 shares credited as fully paid up under the terms of the Option and subsequent correspondence thereon referred to in paragraph (c) hereof.

The remaining 70,000 shares ranking equally with those already subscribed are now offered for public subscription payable as to \$2.50 per share on application. The balance due on each share, viz., \$7.50 will be called up on subsequent demand and as when further capital is required.

Any of the shares now offered to the public which may not be subscribed for will be allotted in such manner as the Directors shall determine.

DIRECTORS.

JOHN SCOTT HARSTON,

1, Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong.

Solicitor & Notary Public.

Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SON,

Bank of East Asia, Ltd.,

Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong.

Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

JAMES HARPER TAGGART,

Managing Director,

Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.,

Powell's Building,

Hongkong.

The Very Rev. FATHER LEON ROBERT,

Procureur General des Missions Etrangeres,

1, Battery Path,

Hongkong.

ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE,

3, Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong.

Chartered Accountant.

FRANK MALCOLM LANE CRAWFORD,

Managing Director,

Lane Crawford, Ltd.,

Chater Road,

Hongkong.

FUNG TAT HANG,

Comptroller,

Hongkong Hotel,

Hongkong.

PETER KINGSON KWOK,

Bank of East Asia, Ltd.,

Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong.

Merchant.

BANKERS.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

AUDITORS.

LINSTED & DAVIS,

Alexandra Building,

Des Voeux Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON,

1, Des Voeux Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong.

REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY.

Powell's Building (2nd floor),

Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong.

SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY (pro tem).

T. A. BARRY,

Powell's Building, (2nd floor),

Des Voeux Road Central,

Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) This Company has been formed principally to acquire by purchase (under the terms of the Option and subsequent correspondence thereon hereinafter mentioned) from Lane Crawford Limited (whose Registered Office is situated at Ice House Street, Victoria, Hongkong) and develop by building thereon the land registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marquis Lot No. 7 and commonly known as "The Wiseman Site" situated in Des Voeux Road Central Hongkong. The purchase price of the land is \$1,000,000, \$300,000 of which will be satisfied by the issue to Lane Crawford Limited of 30,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Of the remainder of the purchase price, \$149,781.50 will be paid in cash, and the balance of \$551,218.50 will be satisfied by the taking over by the Company from Lane Crawford Limited of the Mortgage (repayable on the 30th April 1927) for that amount now subsisting on the property in favour of Lane Crawford Limited and carrying interest at 8% per annum.

In addition to the purchase price payable as above, the Company will under the Option hereinafter mentioned, pay the brokerage of one per cent. on the purchase price amounting to \$10,000 which is referred to in paragraph (b) hereof, and also indemnify Lane Crawford Limited to the extent of \$26,394.30 in respect of the Plans and Specifications referred to in paragraph (c) hereof.

The Option for the acquisition of such land bears date the 5th day of March 1923 and is made between Lane Crawford Limited as Vendors of the one part and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, one of the partners in the firm of Deacon, Harston and Shenton the above mentioned Solicitors to the Company, as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of this Option and the subsequent correspondence thereon can be inspected at the offices of the said Solicitors to the Company (No. 1 Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong) at any time during business hours. A copy of the Mortgage above referred to which bears date the 5th day of May 1922 and is for a term of five years from that date can also be inspected at the same place and time.

There are no other contracts relating to the land to be acquired by the Company.

On the land to be acquired as above by the Company it is proposed to erect a modern seven-story building with a Basement, so as to afford accommodation for Stores, Showrooms, a Safe Deposit Vault and First-class Office-Rooms, particularly suitable for professional people. The Site is considered to be especially favourable for such a building, being in the centre of the business part of the City and close to the Hotels, Banks and Shipping Offices, etc.

(b) In respect of the above mentioned Option a brokerage of 1% on the purchase price of \$1,000,000 amounting to \$10,000 is payable by the Company to the Solicitors to the Company in respect of the sale of the land the subject of such Option.

(c) Under the last mentioned Option the Company are to be under the obligation of indemnifying Lane Crawford Limited to an extent not exceeding \$26,394.30 in respect of the cost of certain Plans and Specifications prepared in 1922 in connection with the building which Lane Crawford Limited at that time proposed to erect on the said land.

(d) No other commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company is issuing Prospectus dated the 23rd day of March, 1923, a copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, inviting subscriptions at par for 200,000 shares of \$10 each, payable to \$2.50 per share on application and as to the balance on subsequent demand and as when further capital is required.

The Prospectus is now open and will close on or before the 31st day of March 1923.

Copies of the Prospectus and forms of application can be obtained from the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and from the temporary offices of the Company in Powell's Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

This is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe shares and application will only be received on the footing of the full prospectus and in the form issued therewith.

Dated: 24th day of March, 1923.

T. A. BARRY,
Powell's Building,
Hongkong,
Secretary (pro tem.)

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

MATHS AND SENIOR

EXAMINATIONS.

JUNE, 1923.

The Examinations will be held in the week commencing MONDAY, June 11th, 1923.

Entrants together with the statement of \$15 H.K. Currency should reach not later than April 1st.

No prizes will be awarded at this examination.

NEEDLE MACKINTOSH,

Registrar.

Hongkong, March 26, 1923.

ST. JAMES' COLLEGE.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS will be held at 11 p.m. on THURSDAY, 29th March, at Happy Valley.

Prizes will be distributed by LADY STUBBS at 12.30 p.m.—There will be an Old Boy's race of 220 yards.

All Old Boys cordially invited to join.

Hongkong, March 26, 1923.

PUL AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, March 29, 1923,

coming at 11 a.m.,

at No. 144 Road (3rd floor)

A Quantity of Office Furniture

including:—

Desks, Sitting tables, Sample

and Show Tables and Chairs,

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Also

One Motor

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Terms—on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 26, 1923.

(e) There is to pay all preliminary expenses of and incident to the

formation of the Company down to the time when it

is incorporated to commence business and also all costs and expenses

in connection with the acquisition of the land and the Assignment

of the Company, the estimated amount whereof is \$20,000.

(f) The subscription on which the Directors may proceed to

raise seven shares.

(g) The Association provides that the qualification of a Director

is a holding of \$1,000 shares in the Company and that the

minimum of each of the Directors is to be \$1,000 per annum.

(h) Directors interested in the promotion of the Company as follows:—

(1) Mr. Harston in respect of the brokerage mentioned in

(b).

(2) Messrs. Taggart, Lowe, Crawford and Harston to the extent

they are Directors of Lane Crawford Limited, who are the

part of the land to be acquired by the Company.

(3) Messrs. Taggart, Lowe and Harston to the extent that they

are Directors in the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited, who are

holders in Lane Crawford Limited.

(4) The Rev. Father Robert to the extent that he is a Director

Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company Limited who

are holders in Lane Crawford Limited, the Vendors above

mentioned.

(5) All the Directors other than The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son,

Tat Hang and Peter Kingson Kwok that they or some of

are Directors of other Companies with whom the Company

is connected.

(6) The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Com-

pany inspected at the above mentioned offices of the Solicitors to

the Company at any time during business hours.

(7) The Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to

this and forms part of it.

(8) As for shares should be made upon the Form attached to the

Prospectus which should be detached therefrom and sent to the

Company (The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation)

with a remittance of \$2.50 per share, the amount of the

proportion of the purchase price to be paid on application.

(9) The number of shares allotted to each shareholder shall be

a proportionate amount of the amount of the purchase price

as set out in the Prospectus and the Form of Application attached

thereto and from the temporary offices of the Company in

Powell's Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

Date: 24th day of March 1923.

NOTICE.

THE Offices and Stations of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 30th and 31st instant.

O. THORNE,

Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District,
York Buildings,
Hongkong, March 24, 1923.

P. & O. S. N. CO.

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THE Steamship "SOUDAN"

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FRIDAY, 30th March, 1923, at 11 A.M.,
taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.

Silk and Valuable and Tea for Italy,
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will be transhipped at Bombay into the
Mail Steamer proceeding direct to
Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office
until Noon, the day before sailing.
The contents and value of all packages
are required.

For further particulars apply to—

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE

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Hongkong, March 26, 1923.

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Breadth 10' 4". Depth 5' 4". Eng-

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was extensively overhauled in 1920

(New bunkers entire new decks and

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Superintendent, Engineer's Dept.,

Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, March 26, 1923.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forth-

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entertainments, sent for insertion in

the news columns of the China Mail,

are charged for at the rate of \$1 each.

(as announced in May and June of

last year) providing that they do not

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on Mar. 22 at 2 p.m. left Shanghai on Mar. 23 at 11.10 a.m. for Hongkong tomorrow at 6.00 a.m. and will berth at Pier No. 6, Howland Wharf.

The B.P. S.S. "Ballerup" left New York on Feb. 20 for Hongkong, Shanghai, and Hongkong, and is due here tomorrow.

The P. & O. S.S. "Sialia Prince" is expected to arrive here from New York tomorrow.

The N.Y.K. S.S. "Hakozaki Maru" (European Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 22 and is expected here tomorrow.

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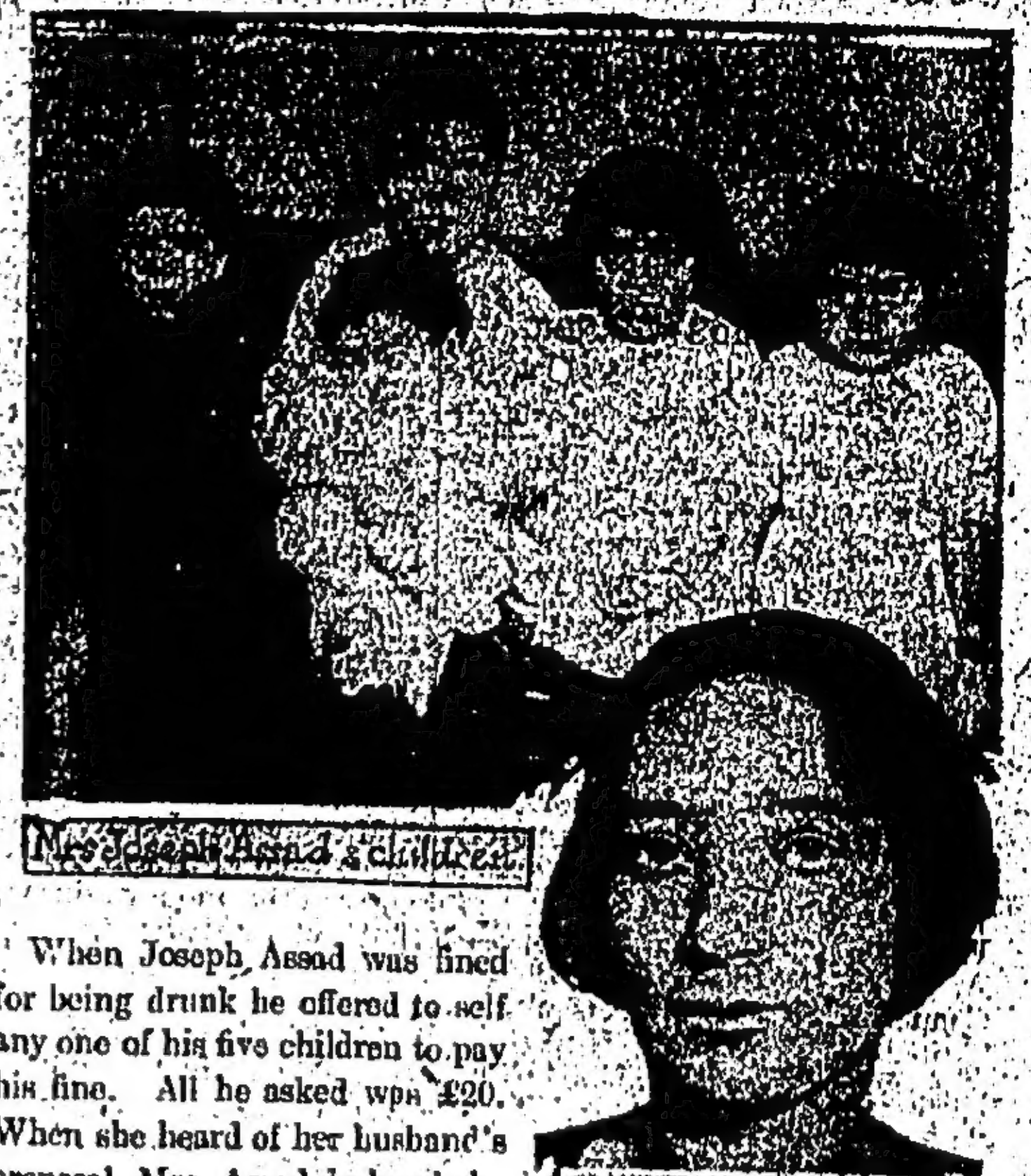


Admiral Pakenham

Admiral Pakenham, commanding the British Atlantic fleet, is shown here at the grave of his ancestor, Admiral Pakenham, who commanded the British fleet in the battle of New Orleans, where he fell leading a charge against the cotton-bale breastworks of the American defenders.



Lovers' Walk, St. Paul's, Westbury, Wiltshire, where it is reported, the Duke of York proposed and was accepted by Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. This beautiful walk is on her father's estate, where the Duke was a week-end guest.



Mrs. Assad and child

When Joseph Assad was fined for being drunk he offered to sell any one of his five children to pay his fine. All he asked was £20. When she heard of her husband's proposal, Mrs. Assad declared she would not part with one of her children "for a million." The children are still with their mother in their humble home, for which rent has not been paid for two months.



Crown Prince Rupprecht

Ex-Crown Prince Rupprecht, Bavaria, one of the leading German generals in the war, has been hailed as King of Bavaria by Bavarian reactionaries in protesting against the French invasion of the Ruhr. The whole movement is regarded as part of a royalist effort to overthrow the German Republic.



His Holiness Melchior

Patriarch of all the Greeks, whose office corresponds to that of the Pope in the Roman Catholic Church. The photograph was made on the steps of the Patriarchate, at Phanar, Stamboul, the Turkish quarter of Constantinople. The Patriarchate has been the residence of the spiritual head of the Greek Orthodox Church for 600 years, but the Turks are threatening to expel him.

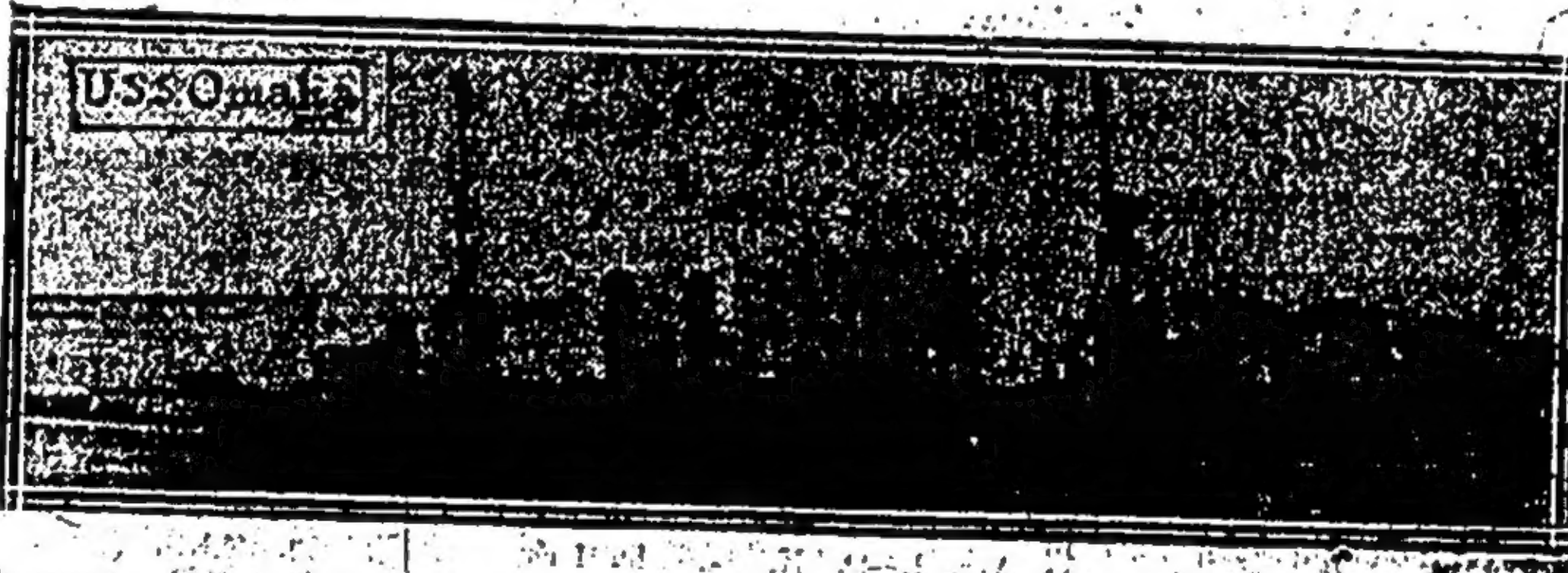


Henry Major, Dey

First American granted concessions by Soviet Russia to work the Russian oil fields, he attended an Allied Oil Conference in London on February 9. The development of oil fields in Russia and the Near East was considered.



Charles O'Donnell, 10 months old, of Brooklyn, was adjudged the most perfect specimen of childhood at a recent baby show.



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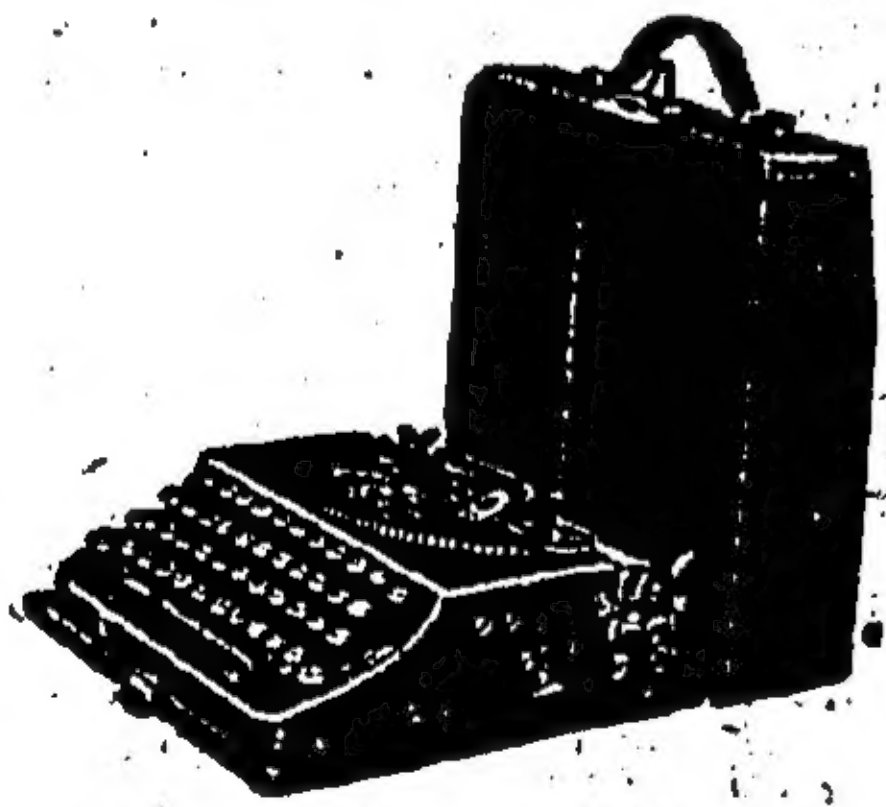
Countess Ramburini

Countess Ramburini, wife of an Italian artist, has told the New York police she was robbed of \$5,000 in a fashionable apartment she had sub-leased in the West side. The robbery took place after she had been lured from the house by a fake telephone call that a man had been seriously injured and that her visiting card had been found in his pocket.



Mortimer Lautman

Although the police have sent out a general order for the arrest of Mortimer Lautman, buyer and general manager of Kaufman Brothers' department store, who disappeared from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, with approximately \$75,000, his wife fears he has been killed by Orientals. The police allege, however, that he got \$20,000 from a friend to buy stock and has returned neither the money nor the stock. Lautman had often been to the Orient as a buyer and knew many Oriental agents in America. His wife, who denies he can be guilty of crime, believes some of them have killed him for his money.



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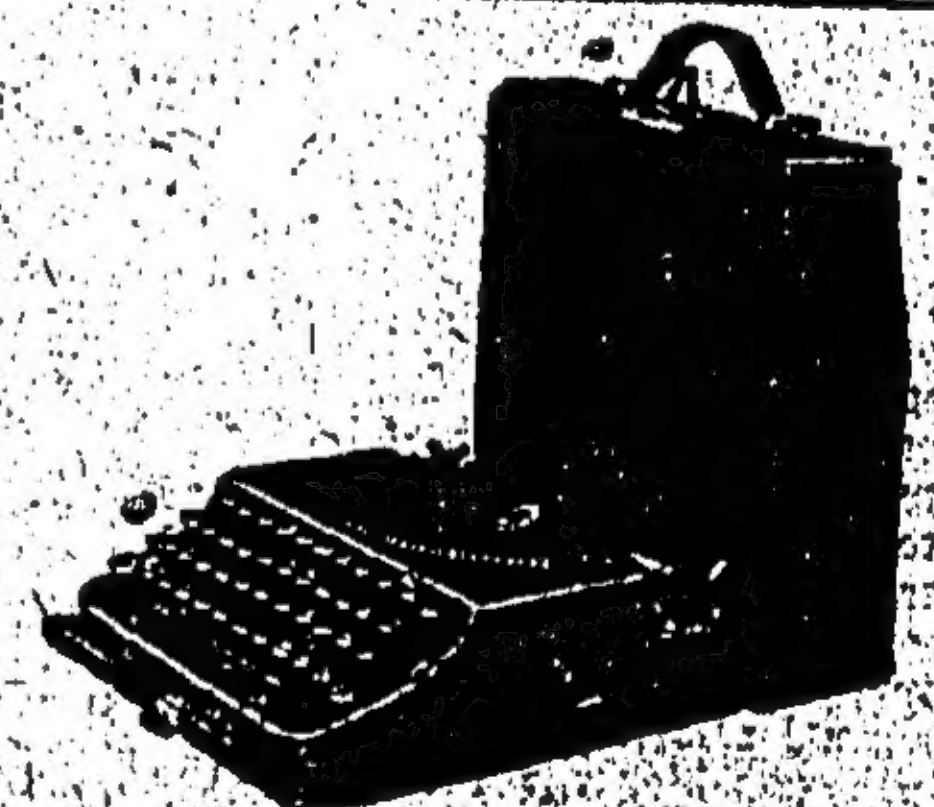
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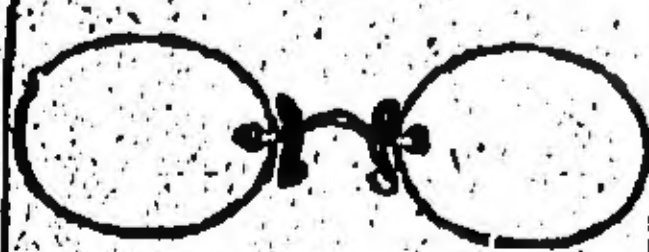
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE RUHR.

Düsseldorf, March 24th.
Thirteen hundred tons of industrial tools and machinery, valued at 5,000,000 francs, have been seized in accordance with the decree of the Inter-Allied High Commission, whereby all machinery and other objects in the occupied territory, belonging to the German Government, may be seized and earmarked for restitution in conformity with the Treaty of Versailles.

It is stated that further similar seizures are contemplated.
Bavaria, March 24th.
The ten per cent. ad valorem duty mentioned in a cable message dated February 13th, which was levied on German imports from the occupied territory, has been cancelled and the German tariff restored.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

Geneva, March 24th.
The commission for the repression of the white slave traffic has appointed a sub-committee, including representatives of the United States, Italy, Japan and Uruguay. The sub-committee will collaborate with the International Labour Office, in order to ensure the protection of women emigrants. Speakers emphasised the importance of developing the world wide activities of voluntary associations.

PORT OF LONDON.

London, March 24th.
It is understood that important extensions to the Port of London have been decided on, for which the Treasury has agreed to a loan of £5,000,000 at a low rate of interest for the improvement scheme, which will give work to thousands of unemployed. The extensions will include a new large dry-dock, taking the largest steamers using the port, plus a landing-stage at Tilbury, extensions to up-river docks, and a new lock at the West India Dock.

EMPIRE GROWN SUGAR.

London, March 24th.
A deputation representing the Empire's sugar industry, urged on the Chancellor of the exchequer the necessity of stabilising the existing amount, as distinct from the rate of preference for Empire grown sugar, for the next ten years.

THE ERRATIC FRANC.

French francs moved erratically, but closed above the lowest point 71, at 71 1/2.

GERMAN REACTIONARIES.

Berlin, March 24th.
The story of the planned reactionary rising has been partially confirmed in a speech by the Prussian Minister of the Interior, Herr Severing, in the Landtag, according to which the recently arrested monarchist conspirators, who were planning to seize power on March 31st, the day fixed for the dissolution of all self-defence organisations. Herr Severing referred to the dangerous character of General Ludendorff, amongst others, and said that if the so-called self-defence organisations maintained their present activities, which were opposed by the workmen's battalions, the inevitable result would be civil war. He said that he had an impression that that moment was not far distant.

The rumoured reactionary coup d'etat in Bavaria seems imminent. The Prussian Government has instructed all the provincial governors to keep the police in readiness for immediate action.

SOVIET AND THE CHURCH.

The trial of Archbishop Czeplinski, two bishops and other Catholic priests, has been opened at Moscow. They are charged with resisting the Soviet's decrees, which ordered the disestablishment of the Church and the confiscation of Church funds.

MEDITERRANEAN FLEET.

Malta, March 24th.
Naval opinion here is that there can be no doubt that the Mediterranean Fleet will be shortly restored to the position it held, until the balance of naval power was shifted to the North Sea, and will become the premier fleet in commission. It is asserted that only a comparatively small fleet will be maintained in Home waters, most of the warships in commission there being transferred to the Mediterranean.

CEYLON RAILWAY SMASH.

Colombo, March 24th.
Another serious smash is reported on the Ceylon Government Railway. A light engine collided with the mail train, in a tunnel. Four persons were killed and forty injured.
[On January 18th the mail train disappeared in the flooded area of Northern Ceylon and there were 39 casualties, all third-class passengers. On January 27th the mail train from Taishan was run off the rails, owing to a washway.]

AMERICAN MILL OPERATIVES.

New York, March 23rd.
The Stevens woolen goods factory at North Andover, Massachusetts, and the Goodall mill at Sanford, Maine, have increased the wages of their operatives by 12 1/2 per cent.

New York, March 24th.
Six women, who were granted a 10 per cent. increase of wages ranging from 25c per week to 1 1/4 per week.
Similar increases have been granted to a number of mill girls at Springfield, Massachusetts, and at the Lowell mills at Lowell, Massachusetts, and the county mills at Fitchfield.

SARAH BERNHARDT ILL.

Paris, March 24th.
Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt is gravely ill. Six doctors held a consultation.

REFUSING A PARTNER.

HOW TO DO IT NICELY.

A good deal of experience in dancing classes and ballrooms will convince any man that the average girl does not like to hurt a man's feelings. But she does know how to say that she will not dance with him, only she says it in other words.

Women are, as a rule, better dancers than men, and they are entitled to select their partners with discrimination. They certainly do it, but perhaps men dancers are just as bad.

There are the ordinary methods of refusal in vogue at all dances: "I'm so sorry, but I'm too hot" or "too tired," in a regretful tone of voice, does not hurt anyone's feelings.

"I've just refused this one so . . .," in an even more regretful tone is certainly more flattering than a plain "No, thanks."

But the cream of all refusals is that used by comparatively good women dancers when they want to avoid dancing with a learner who will probably tread on their toes, and otherwise handicap them. It is particularly useful if two girls have come to a dancing class together, and a man shows too much persistence.

When he asks, he receives the reply, "I don't want to dance this one. I want to watch." (the demonstrator or teacher). "He is so wonderful. Don't you think you can learn an awful lot by watching?" The mere male is soothed by these honeyed words, and the smile which accompanies them, and he hastens to agree. He spends the time watching with all his eyes and wishing he was as good as the demonstrator.

The spirit of kindness serves these palpably thin excuses more time after time. "No thanks," is crude, and mother wit should be able to invent numerous ways out of the difficulty.

COMPULSORY SLEEP.

HOLBORN DOCTOR'S ADVICE

The medical officer for health at Holborn has suggested that the hours of sleep for children should be "a matter of school discipline." The medical officer had prepared a table of the number of hours of sleep which he considered necessary for children of various ages, and his suggestion was that there should be some way of ensuring that parents adhered to this ration. A newspaper headline takes his scheme a stage further by suggesting "Compulsory Hours of Sleep for Children." Many parents, with troubled memories of conscientious objectors who determined on occasion clamorously to preserve the distinction between going to bed and going to sleep, would be only too glad to learn how the compulsion was to be applied. The doctor's more moderate demand is, of course, that the child should be put to bed for the adequate number of hours, and the rest of the disciplinary process left to Nature. It is decidedly reminiscent of the action of a certain corps commander in France who issued an order calling the attention of all commanding officers to the importance of sleep as part of the soldier's duty of keeping himself fit. During those hours when his men were supposed to sleep, it was declared this order, the commanding officer's duty to see that they did sleep, an injunction which was received with joy among the frivolous, who foresaw a new paragraph in the King's regulations providing for the establishment of commanding officers' courses in crooning lullabies.

THE MEANING OF "NERVES."

How to Avoid a Breakdown.
When we have an "attack of nerves" it means that the body is in some way out of order, and the nerves have become over sensitive so that we get neuritis, pains, headache, dizziness, and so on. The whole nervous system is fed and kept healthy by your blood. If the blood is thin and poor, nervous weaknesses follow. In such case a nerve tonic is needed to feed up the blood, so that it in turn may feed nerves, spine and brain.

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CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS.

SEA THAT CAME IN AT TEA
TIME.

"Why does a rabbit run with its
tail in the air?"

This was one of the questions put
by a child after a visit to the coun-
try under the auspices of the Chil-
dren's Country Holiday Fund.

Some of these questions, said Mr.
Ronald McNeill, Under-Secretary
for Foreign Affairs, who presided at
a concert at the Palladium organ-
ized by the National Sunday League
on behalf of the Fund, were suffi-
cient to perplex the most learned of
parents and even scientists.

For instance, one child wanted to
know, "Why is the moon coloured
in the daytime?"

Another boy's observation after
being to the seaside, was that he had
noticed that the sea always went
out at dinner-time and always came
in at tea-time.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was
received from the Manila Obser-
vatory, by the local American Con-
sulate General at 7 p.m. to-day:
"Typhoon in about 14 deg. Long. E.
12 deg. Lat. N. moving NW."

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The Parcel Post Service to Kweichow via Yunnan is suspended. Parcels ad-
dressed to Kweichow will, until further notice, be accepted at senders' risk and
be forwarded via Shanghai and Chongtse (Hunan).

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the
time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close
at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the
previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Monday, March 26	President Cleveland
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OUTWARD MAILS.

To	Monday, March 26	Time
Shanghai and Wuchow	4 p.m.
Hobow	5 p.m.
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To	Tuesday, March 27	Time
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To	Wednesday, March 28	Time
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To	Thursday, March 29	Time
Shanghai and Wuchow	4 p.m.
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To	Friday, March 30	Time
Shanghai and Wuchow	4 p.m.
Hobow	5 p.m.
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To	Saturday, March 31	Time
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ACTOR'S LAW SUIT.

COURTICE POUNDS AND
"ISLAND KING."PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT
REFUTED.

A West-end stage-dispute which
Mr. Justice Swift said in mail week,
had been conducted with great good
temper and propriety, ended in Mr.
Charles Courtice Pounds, the actor,
being awarded £750 damages.

He sued, in the King's Bench,
Mr. Peter Gawthorne, the theatrical
producer, of Cambridge Terrace,
N.W., to recover damages for alleged
breach of agreement.

Mr. Pounds, who is now engaged in
"Lilac Time," at £55 a week,
said Mr. Gawthorne agreed to em-
ploy him as principal comedian in
"The Island King," at £75 a week.

WEALTHY MAN'S OFFER.
The defence was that there was
never any concluded agreement.

Mr. Barrington Ward, K.C., for
plaintiff, said his case was that Mr.
Pounds was orally engaged by Mr.
Gawthorne, the author of the book
and lyrics of "The Island King."

Mr. Pounds was engaged to play
the principal part of Bob Hopkins,
a chivalrous naval petty officer, now
being played by Mr. W. H. Berry.

Plaintiff, describing the negotia-
tions with Mr. Gawthorne, said he
went to his house, and after hear-
ing the play read and sung, Mr.
Gawthorne asked him to play the
part of Bob Hopkins.

Mr. Gawthorne added that while
on tour he met a wealthy Liverpool
man, who would finance him in the
production of the play, and had
given him carte blanche to make all
arrangements.

SUIT TO THE BRITANNIA.
Witness said he was negotiating
with Mr. Laurillard, and defendant
replied, "Stick to the Britannia."

Witness accepted the engage-
ment. There was no written con-
tract, Mr. Gawthorne insisting that
his word was his bond.

Later, Mr. Gawthorne said, Sir
Alfred Butt wanted Mr. Berry to
take the part but that he (defen-
dant) was battling for witness.

Afterwards he said the piece
would be produced at the Adelphi,
and Mr. Gaunt had stipulated that
Mr. Berry should play the part.

Mr. Gawthorne, in the box, said
all his negotiations with Mr.
Pounds were provisional, and were
subject to his being able to book the
contemplated tour. Later he had
to tell Mr. Pounds that he saw no
prospect of engaging him for the
part.

Mr. Pounds said he was heart-
broken. Witness offered him £500
compensation, but he replied that
it was not so much a question of
money as the terrible blow to his
pride.

SIR A. BUTT'S DISAPPROVAL.
Sir Alfred Butt, M.P., said he
was approached by Mr. Gawthorne
with regard to the production of
"The Island King."

He told him that while he had
the greatest admiration for Mr.
Courtice Pounds, he did not think
the part would suit him, and that
he would not take any interest in
the production if the part was
given to Mr. Pounds.

He was willing to meet the risk
of production if the best actor with
his approval. "He later engaged
Mr. Pounds for 'Lilac Time,'
which was not quite the success
ought to be."

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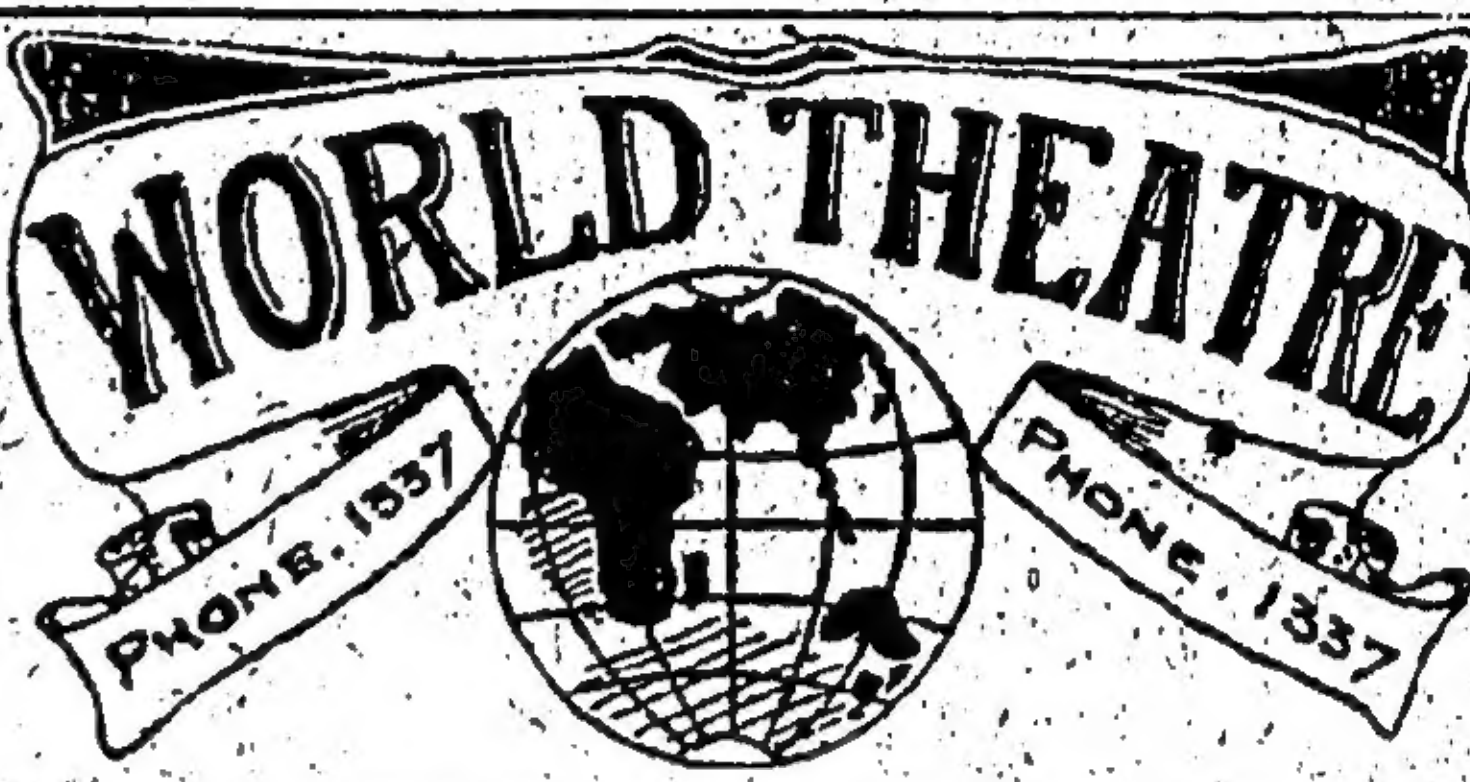
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An interesting and humorous
account of the institution and
development of the Courts of
Justice was given by Mr. Justice
Darling in a lecture to members of
the Working Men's College, in
East London. General Sir F.
Maurice presided.

The Courts of Justice, said Mr.
Justice Darling, were started with
the consent of the English people
and it was the consent of the people
that kept them going. The strength
which the Courts possessed was
attributable to the great confidence
in which the people held them.

The Courts of His Majesty could
be traced back to the Witen-
agemot, the assembly of wise
men, where justice was done,
not exactly as it was to-day but ac-
cording to the law, of the people of
that day. Before the Normans came
there were Courts well established.

These were the Shireeves, and
now when a judge went to the
assizes he was met by the Sheriff,
an office which dated back a thou-
sand years.

In Alfred's day the county court
sat, but it was somewhat different
from the county court of to-day.
Formerly bishops sat in the county
courts, and for that there was good
reason, for the clergy were
practically the only people who
could read and write. Very
few of the nobility could—even in
those days. (Laughter.)

In the county courts justice was
administered according to the laws
of those days and it was not un-
usual when two people had a dis-
pute to call them out to settle it by
battle. "You see," commented his
lordship, "in those days people did
not rise above the level of the
audiences of the Albert Hall."

Later people began to think that
there might be a better means of
ascertaining right from wrong than
by setting the parties to give each
other blows, and so it was ordained
that there should be compurgators
to settle the matter. Thus when
there was a dispute, twelve good
men and true came and said, "We
know all about this; there is the
man who is in the right and there
is the man who is in the wrong,"
and from that was derived trial by
jury, which was one of the safe-
guards of the English people.

TRIAL BY WATER.
At a stage later than trial by
battle came something more
humane, trial by fire and trial by
water. They took the two dis-
putants and threw them into the
water, and I often wish they
would do that now. (Laughter.)

judge, "or at all events, that they
would do it to the disputants'
counselors."